



SNOW PILED HIGH IN SUSSEX



When drifting snow blocked half of Route 8, Foreman Charles Crawn and his stalwart crew went into action with shovels and opened the full width of the highway to traffic. Due to the height of the pile they made, it was necessary to pass the snow to the top in two stages as seen in the above photo. From left to right the men who accomplished this job are: Earl Shelly, Edward Kaufman, Albert Hedden, Harry Current, William Covert, Victor Chandler, John Kaufman and Foreman Crawn. The photo was sent to THE HIGHWAY by Mildred Crawn of Newton.

Over 400 Attend Annual Dinner of Bridge Div. Club

Commissioner Miller Speaks On Post-War Construction

Highway employees were joined by leaders in the field of engineering, contracting, equipment and material supply, as well as many friends, on the occasion of the Annual Dinner of the Bridge Division Club at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, on February 20th. As in the past, an excellent dinner and entertainment were provided for the more than 400 in attendance.

Following a brief address of welcome by Club President Arthur J. Lichtenberg, Bridge Engineer Morris Goodkind introduced Commissioner Miller who talked on New Jersey's post-war highway program. He began by an analysis of the population, trends in the State, together in prospect of new car designs and increased automobile traffic in the years ahead and the necessity for insuring highway safety.

Stressing the need of freeways and parkways in New Jersey, Commissioner Miller stated that roadways of this type not only serve to enhance the natural scenic beauty of the State and afford the pleasure motorist new arteries for relaxed travel, but that they would serve to greatly relieve the congestion on many of our more heavily traveled highways.

"New Jersey has too long deferred the building of parkways," said Mr. Miller. "Our neighboring states of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania have long since realized the benefits derived from construction of this type. As a leader in modern highway construction for many years and because we are faced with traffic problems of major magnitude in the post-war era, New Jersey should adopt a parkway program in keeping with modern economic, recreational and sociological advances."

Commissioner Miller further stated that the post-war program of New Jersey would require the whole-hearted support of engineers, contractors, equipment and material supply groups if the needs of the State are to be met in the years to come.

Committee Named For 10 Yr. Club's Spring Meeting

Plans Include Buffet Supper and Entertainment

Plans for the Spring Meeting of the Ten Year Club, scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening, April 17th, at the Enterprise Fire Company Hall, Klockner Road, Hamilton Township, are proceeding satisfactorily and tickets are now available from the various contact men.

A buffet supper will be served by ladies of the Fire Company Auxiliary starting about 5:00 o'clock. Definite information as to the number who plan to attend the supper must be available at least one week prior to the date of the dinner, and no tickets will be sold for the supper after April 10th. So if you want to eat, get your \$2.00 ticket promptly.

A short business meeting followed by entertainment will start about 7:00 o'clock. If you can't make the supper, separate tickets will be available for the latter part of the program only at a charge of \$1.00. These will be available up to and including the night of the meeting.

The Committee in charge of arrangements is headed by Gene Beckner, ably assisted by Bill Kirk, Tony Kuhn, Earl Storer, Ed McCordell, George Cubberley, John Patrick, Bob Simon, John Madden, Joseph Hunt, and Roy Vogts.

Employees' Assoc. Elects Officers For Coming Year

R. R. Herling Talks on Civil Service and Pension Fund

At a regular meeting held on Wednesday, March 7th, the South Jersey Highway Employees' Association re-elected the following officers: Benjamin A. Bailey, Pres.; Phillip Logan, 1st V. P.; Ephraim Phillips, 2nd V. P.; Louis Dilks, 3rd V. P.; Richard Raab, 4th V. P. Harry S. King, Secretary; Geo. Phifer, Treas.; Walter Eckert, Cor. Secretary; Wilbert Hunt, Sgt. at Arms. One new trustee, Earl Whildin, was elected for a three-year term. Four new members were taken into the organization.

This association of employees is to be complimented for the spirit and enthusiasm it has developed during the comparative short period of its existence. During the month of February their regularly scheduled time of meeting was

A Tribute To Commissioner Ellis

The untimely passing of William John Ellis, for nineteen years the able and conscientious Commissioner of Institutions and Agencies, removes from the service of our State not only one of its most distinguished public servants but, by all odds, the best loved man in the State Government. For a full quarter of a century John Ellis, as he was popularly known, brought to his work in this great department which was dedicated to the four-fold objectives of treatment, training, rehabilitation and prevention, the qualities not only of a finely trained mind but the deep human sympathy and penetrating insight of a true humanitarian. Under his direction a distinguished group of public spirited men and women have been brought to membership on the State Board of Control and the Board of Managers of the nineteen State Institutions and two State Agencies. Under his administration a group of men and women of the highest professional attainments were encouraged to enter the State's service. During the nineteen years of his direction, the population of the state institutions grew from 12,037 to 20,848 and the number of institutions from 15 to 19. During this same period the total persons served through the welfare agencies of the Department grew from 15,275 to 48,967.

From the old State Prison in Trenton, with its forbidding exterior, to the modern Home for Disabled Soldiers at Menlo Park, the whole institutional life of the State was permeated with the warmth of his friendly and sympathetic personality. He was, in very truth, the soul of all these institutions, large and small, new and old.

Commissioner Ellis had a basic philosophy which guided him in the administration of public welfare institutions and agencies; he believed they should serve the public by providing safe custody, treatment, rehabilitation and the cure of those who became their wards, but also that these services should add to the sum of human knowledge. This is exemplified in the research project undertaken six years ago in cooperation with a great medical foundation, seeking to perfect immunization of human beings against the scourge of influenza.

As a result of the project and for the first time in medical history the method of vaccination against the epidemic of influenza, the only great disease over which man previously had no effectual control, was perfected. Repeated trial of a harmless and effectual virulent vaccine made from the virus of influenza was grown on the chick embryo, chiefly at the New Lisbon Colony, exclusively for its protective effects against influenza, and this year the United States Army ordered 11,000,000 of the units of the immunizing agent for the protection of our armed forces — New Jersey's contribution to the welfare of the world. In the field of the care of the chronically-ill, Commissioner Ellis' faithful promotion, since 1931, of study and recording of methods of approach and results obtained in this neglected field, has placed New Jersey in a pre-eminent position of leadership among the states of the Union.

When the war came it was John Ellis, Commissioner of Institutions and Agencies, who was among the first to urge that parolees from the prison be afforded an opportunity to serve in the Armed Forces and thus redeem themselves. It was characteristic of his constant thought of the other man's problem.

Not only within the State was he known and admired for his institutional leadership, but far beyond its borders his work was recognized by his presidency or membership on countless professional associations and conferences from the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection to the Osborne Association for Prison Reform. The list of his professional societies testify to the breadth of his interest and the range of his wide public acknowledgments.

With Commissioner Ellis the relations of the State Highway Department have always been most cordial. Whenever an institutional road problem needed attention he was prompt to bring it to the attention of the Department; whenever it was completed, he was no less prompt to acknowledge gratefully this inter-departmental cooperation.

To this skillful administrator of a great department, to this able interpreter of the point of view of the sick, the needy or offending members of our society, to this warm-hearted friend of all mankind we say Hail and Farewell!

Spencer Miller, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner

marked by an open house gathering at the Vineland Community Hall to which all Department employees in South Jersey were invited to attend. Some 125 employees, members and others, were in attendance. The guest speaker at this meeting was Mr. R. Robert Herling of Dr. Carpenter's office of the Civil Service Commission, who outlined many advantages to employees regarding Civil Service and State Pension Fund Benefits. After a general discussion and social hour, refreshments were served.

Lieut. Rackowski Wounded by Mine In German Action

Maintenance Man Had Faced Japs in South Pacific

1st Lt. William J. Rackowski, who will be well remembered as an employee of the Maintenance Division Office in Trenton, and one of the first Highwaymen to enter the service, has been wounded as the result of action somewhere in Germany.



Lt. W. J. RACKOWSKI

According to meager reports, Bill was severely injured by the explosion of a land mine and after hospitalization abroad was returned not long ago to this country where it is understood he is now convalescing at the Madigan General Hospital, Ward 12-B Section 5, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Lt. Rackowski's service record dates back to September 1940, at which time he was called to active duty with the New Jersey National Guard with the rank of Sergeant. After a long period of training, he volunteered for over-seas duty and was sent to the South Pacific theater of war shortly thereafter.

Lt. Rackowski is the first Highway employee who has faced the enemy in both the South Pacific (Continued on Page 2)

Connett Article Subject of Praise

"When Servicemen Return," the feature article appearing in the February issue of THE HIGHWAY, has been the subject of much favorable comment. Servicemen, as well as civilians, are of the opinion that Mr. Connett hit the nail on the head and many have expressed the hope that this will be but the first of many articles.

A typical letter was received from P. Dalton Spinelli, Commander of the Charles Henry Chapter No. 17 of the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Spinelli, who is a member of our Maintenance Division, wrote in part: "I read with considerable interest your article, 'When Servicemen Return' . . . May I congratulate you on the sober logic and food for thought expressed. I sincerely hope that you will from time to time write more of the returning soldier."

"While the American public is generous to the extent of wanting to see its defenders given every opportunity to rehabilitate themselves, it is also prone to forget very easily what is in the minds and hearts of those who have wallowed in the mud of the front lines, lived in filthy trenches with the stench of the dead and the ear-splitting roar of destruction. . . .

"I am of the firm opinion that these boys and girls will want to throw a veil over the whole thing. It is going to take kindness and gentle treatment to restore many of them back to normalcy."

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ABOUT THAT SUGGESTION

Every business, great or small, is the direct result of an idea. This applies to State agencies as well as private businesses, and in either field success depends largely upon the number of good ideas that are constantly being put to work in its operation. A business or agency of the State government that does not have the benefit of a constant stream of new ideas remains static—it ceases to progress.

No one, in any organization, has a corner on valuable ideas. This is just as true of the State Highway Department as of any other business. Good ideas can come from anyone—from the State Highway Commissioner to the humblest employee. In fact, in many instances the employee who is performing a specific job is in a far better position than anyone else to know how that job can be done most efficiently. It was to utilize these ideas that the Suggestion System was put into operation within your Department—to use to the fullest extent the best ideas of employees everywhere. As a result of this policy, 55 suggestions have become standard practice within the last two years.

The question which is most frequently asked regarding the Suggestion System is: WHAT KIND OF SUGGESTIONS ARE WANTED? To answer such a question would necessitate listing almost innumerable ideas which would be acceptable. Broadly speaking, however, a suggestion that pertains to the work or practices of any division of the Department should be acceptable, provided the idea advanced is a definite improvement over existing methods of operation.

YOUR SUGGESTION MIGHT RESULT IN...

Time saving
Money saving
Material saving
Labor saving

IT MIGHT...

Improve any of the Department's services
Increase the efficiency of an operation
Improve the quality of a service
Prevent accidents
Prolong tool and equipment life
Improve the Department's public relations
Improve employee relations
Reduce and eliminate waste

When you have a suggestion that you would like to send in and are still undecided about just how good it is, you might ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

WHAT am I trying to improve?

WHY am I suggesting the improvement?

Have I adequately worked out HOW it can be improved?

Have I told WHO will be affected by the change?

WHERE will the improvement be put into effect, in my own division only, or in the Department as a whole?

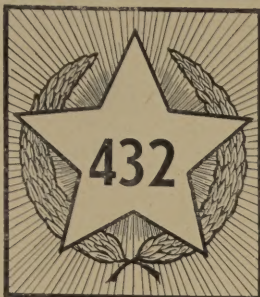
WHEN will it be possible to put the improvement into effect?

WHAT will it cost to put it into effect?

If you can answer satisfactorily all or most of these questions regarding the idea you have in mind, you probably have a worthwhile suggestion and should not hesitate to send it in.

It is well to remember that an idea not recorded is apt to be an idea lost. In the words of James Thomson, "Ten thousand ideas filled his mind; but with the clouds they fled, and left no trace behind." Jot down your idea — analyze it in the manner shown above. If you still like it after you have done all this, it must be good. Your next step should be to mail it to The Suggestion Box, State Highway Department, Trenton, N. J. The chances are the Committee will like it too.

Highway Honor Roll

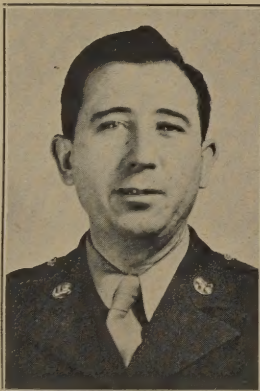


News from Our Men In the Service



CHARLES WALKER

Charles Walker, Yeoman 3rd Class, entered the Coast Guard Service Sept. 16, 1942, and is now located at the Coast Guard Base at Ketchikan, Alaska. Charlie, who was employed in the Administration Division before entering service, was home for the first time in more than a year on a 20-day furlough, and at that time visited many of his friends in the Highway Department. His address is Box 4, Navy P. O. Ketchikan, Alaska.

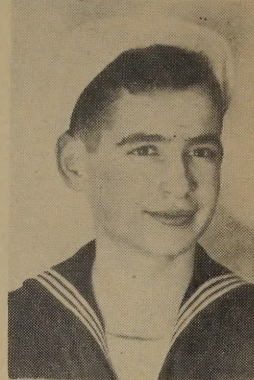


RIZZIERO CINTIA

Pfc. Rizziero (Champ) Cintia was another visitor to the Department while home on a 2-week furlough. Prior to entering the service on Oct. 18, 1943, Champ was a member of the Administration Division. He is now in the Coast Artillery at Portland, Maine, and his address is Battery A-185, Coast Artillery, Fort McKinley, Maine.

Pfc. Larry Pulewich, who formerly worked in Foreman Charlie Weller's mudjack crew, writes from London, England: "I want to thank you for sending me the highway paper. I find it most interesting. It keeps me up to date on the doings of the highway and the men. Give my regards to all my old friends in the Department. I am now in London, England, working on pre-fabricated huts. I will tell you all about it when I get back. I notice that lots of the boys from the Department that are in the service have been getting home on furlough, and I am darn glad of that..." Larry's present address: Pfc. Lawrence Pulewich.

FATHER AND SON NAVAL TEAM



Emile C. Benoist (left) of Hackettstown is a Highwayman who has been kept busy since enlisting in the Navy about a year ago. His son, David Benoist (right), a seaman 1/c with the Atlantic Fleet, forms the other half of this father-son naval team. Benoist, a 25-year man with the Highway, is a former member of the Flemington office of Survey and Plans, where he held the grade of Senior Civil Engineer. Since going overseas, he has been a member of the crew of an LST that has made 42 trips through the turbulent waters of the English Channel, as it carried almost every conceivable type of weapon to the mainland.

Capt. George J. McCann, formerly employed in the Maintenance Division, has been transferred from Iran to duty in France. In a recent letter to Jim Dowling he informed us of the transfer and gave us his new address. The points of interest which he mentions in his letter strike a familiar note to many veterans of the last war, among them being Dijon and Lyons. George's new address is: Capt. Geo. J. McCann, 0905936, Co. F, 334th Engrs. (SS) Regt., APO 667, c/o Postmaster, New York City.



OLIVER DEAKIN

Lt. Oliver Deakin was a recent visitor to Trenton. Ollie will be remembered as our Assistant Landscape Engineer prior to entering the Navy. He is at present Officer-in-Charge of the Portland, Me., Harbor Defense and he tells us that Portland is a very busy harbor these days. A letter will reach Lt. Deakin if addressed to Naval Unit 1-B, South Portland (7) Maine.

Received Christmas Card

Chief Paymaster Clyde Case recently received an interesting letter from Corporal John T. Krol, a member of the Maintenance Division, who writes from the Philippines as follows: "A hearty thank you for the beautiful Christmas card. The doggone thing came sailing into my tent several days ago."

"As for myself, I am hale and hearty despite 26 months overseas. Frankly speaking I am fed up with the tropics and its never changing climate. Give me the good old seasons of the year anytime."

"It seems that every Philippino woman is a laundress and every man a barber. The man with a comb and scissors is after your locks while the woman's cry is 'any laundry for me, Sir.' There is a set price, but we Yanks pay sucker prices. How true of us. Remember me to the boys."

John's address is: Cpl. John T. Krol, 46th Troop Carrier Sq., A. P. O. No. 72 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.



CHARLES GRETTON

Coxswain Charles T. Gretton, formerly employed in the traffic line painting crew under Jack Carr, Jr., is now stationed in the South Pacific Area. Charlie, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy way back in October, 1942, received his boot training at Newport, R. I., and advanced training at Monterey and San Francisco, Calif. After further training at Clinton, Okla. and Travers City, Michigan, he was returned to San Francisco as Coxswain and thence to active duty in the South Pacific in May, 1944. During his training period Charlie made the acquaintance of an attractive young lady from San Francisco, and during his last visit there was married. He is now the proud father of a 3 months' old baby girl. His present address: Chas. T. Gretton Coxswain, Detachment A, C.A.S.U.F. 58, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.

Cpl. Attilio Pesaniello, formerly of the Arthur Wilmott maintenance crew, writes a nice letter from Germany to say that he has been receiving THE HIGHWAY and enjoys keeping in touch with the Department. Attilio is with the 1st Army and is very proud of the job they are doing.

"As you know," he writes, "we started in Normandy and fought our way through France, Belgium, and now we are in Germany. We engineers are really working hard to end this war so that we can get home again."

"I see that you have had a tough winter back home but the Highway balls were 'on the ball.' I'll bet that Arthur Wilmott and his crew were kept busy..."

Pesaniello sends a new address as follows:

ASN 3292-3460
Cpl. A. N. Pesaniello
631st Eng. RS Lt. Equip Co.
APO 230 c/o Postmaster,
New York.

RACKOWSKI

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and Europe. Those who know Bill are confident that with his indomitable spirit he will meet this latest situation with the same fortitude he has displayed in the past. Highway employees everywhere send their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

William Rochford of Fernwood announces that his son Robert is once more back in the family circle as a result of a medical discharge recently received from the Navy. Bill's other son, William, Jr., is out in the Pacific, where for the past two years he has been slugging it out with the Japs as a member of a destroyer crew.

Charles Mernon recently resigned as a mechanics helper at Fernwood to accept an appointment as an electrician with the Dept. of Taxation and Finance. He had been employed by the Highway Dept. since October, 1935 and takes with him the best wishes of his friends for every success in his new position.

George Callan, Joe Mastrobattista and Austin Dey are still on the sick list at this writing, so we pass on the word that we are hoping for their early return to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Devereux spent the week-end of Feb. 22nd at the Sportsman's Show in New York. While there they attended the dinner sponsored by the Ruppert Brewing Co., in connection with the show, and took in some current plays and a night club or two. Frank reports that he spent more than just a pleasant week-end.

Sympathies are extended to the following: Harvey Butterfoss upon the death of his father who passed away following a lengthy illness at the home of his daughter.

Alfred Baldwin upon the death of his sister who died recently at her Trenton home. . . William Weber whose father received fatal injuries when struck by an automobile while on his way to work. . . and to Morgan Van Hise, upon the death of his father who passed away at the home of a daughter in Trenton.

When Lou Virok saw a newspaper picture of 5 airman being rescued from a life raft, it never occurred to him that his son, Jule, was a member of the crew of the rescue plane. It was not until later that a letter from the boy acquainted him with the details of the rescue which took place 1900 miles at sea, after a 16-hour search. During the two days which followed, Jule's plane rescued two other crews which had been forced down. For this they have been cited by their commanding officer.

Lou's other son, Arthur, has been awarded the Bronze Star for his devotion to duty and meritorious leadership in the recent bulge battle in Belgium. Art is a Staff Sergeant in the Medical Corps.

LAND and LEGAL

ED DRAKE

Our veteran searcher, G. R. Hood, of Camden, has retired from the service of the State. Mr. Hood has served long and well and we wish him many years of carefree and enjoyable life.

Ann Manion, Secretary to the Hospitalization Committee, has been ordered to the hospital by her physician for an operation. We wish Ann a speedy recovery.

We understand Bert Ward became a grandfather again on December 24th, when his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy O'Shaughnessy, gave birth to a son. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

William R. Johnson, son of M. Russell Johnson, has completed his training at Bainbridge Naval Training Station, Quartermaster's Department, and has been advanced to Seaman 1st Class. He is to be assigned to Destroyer duty, unknown destination.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of the father of Lemuel F. Seale. Mr. Seale was apparently in good health up to the day of his death, February 2, 1945. We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Seale, Lem and Edgar.

J. Grover Brown, Title Searcher, is presently recuperating at his home from the effects of an accident. As the result of a jolt on a Trenton bus a lady of large proportions fell on top of Grover, the result of which is one broken leg. We wish him a speedy recovery.

AS THE BRIDGE DIVISION DINNER GOT UNDER WAY



From far and near, the friends of the Bridge Division Club gathered in the main ballroom of the Robert Treat Hotel on the occasion of that organization's annual dinner. Perhaps you can identify many of your own friends in the above photo. At the speaker's table can be seen from the left J. J. Koffler, Club Secretary George A. Hefferman, Bridge Engineer Morris Goodkind, A. J. Lichtenberg, President, State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., Administrative Assistant Eugene V. Connert, Sven Hedin, 2nd vice-president, and Patrick McCullough, 1st vice-president.

PLANNING SURVEY

JOHN CHRISTIANO

Miss Lillian Patania (our Lil), gorgeously attired in a creation of sheer white satin with six-foot train and trimmed with mousseline-de-soi, became the bride of Seaman 1/c Anthony Russo on Sunday, March 4th. After a short honeymoon, the groom will head for the West Coast and the bride will return to us. Our best wishes for every happiness.

V-mail brought word to the Traffic Office from its former head, Wesley R. Bellis. Wes reports visiting many well known places in the short time he has been in France and sends his address as: W. R. Bellis, N-002325, Hq. C.A.S. Trans. Sec., A.P.O. 667, c/o Postmaster New York.

Raymond Armstrong, formerly of the Bridge Division and later associated with this office, is now a Red Cross representative at Pearl Harbor.

At the recent Bridge Dinner we ran across Bill Higginson and Bob Hutchinson who send their best regards to all. . . Herb Connors, Ernie Thailand, John Farley and Jim Hall are working on the annual inventory of the Equipment Division. . . Mrs. Helen Tallon was a recent visitor. While here, Helen received our contributions to the Blue Star Drive. . . C. E. Hall of the Public Roads Administration is a weekly visitor. He says they are geared up for a large post-war program. . . Pat Fleming of the garage is none other than the resplendent doorman at Sherry's, Park Avenue. Part time work. . . and while we think of it, Pat informs us that the engagement of Miss Ruth Marie Paladeau to Edward Joseph Artaserse of the Newark garage has been announced by the young lady's parents, Judge and Mrs. N. Louis Paladeau.

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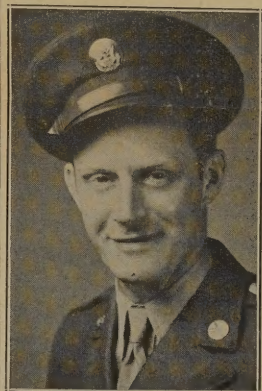
Typographical errors are the bane of our existence. All too often it is our quaint custom to allow meaningless jumbles of letters to creep into the columns of THE HIGHWAY—and always we might add, to our dismay.

In February, however, we adopted a new technique—that of allowing a typographical error to change the entire meaning of a sentence. It happened in the head of the story pertaining to sending THE HIGHWAY overseas by air mail, where instead of reading, "Employees Cooperate" it read "Employees."

This was definitely incorrect; for the truth of the matter is that the Department is in no way connected with this gesture to overseas servicemen. Highway funds are not available for this purpose, so the men and women of the Department acting on the suggestion of Charles Fearnley of the Maintenance Division are supplying the necessary funds through their own contributions.

Highwayman's Son Killed in Action

David Haines, garage attendant at Merchantville, has been officially notified that his son, Pfc. William Haines, was killed in action on January 21st. Private Haines was 33 years of age and a member of the 7th Army.



Pfc. WILLIAM HAINES

Prior to going to France, Haines had served for six months on the Italian front. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ethel Haines, who resides in Chews Landing, his parents David and Jennie Haines, and two sisters, to whom the sympathies of the entire Department are extended.

State Highway Dept Blue Star Drive Fund Totals \$585.00

Mr. A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk and Secretary, who has acted as custodian for Department collections to the Blue Star Drive, reports that a total of \$585.40 has been given for the purpose of planting dogwood trees for State Highway employees serving in the Armed Forces.

This fund, which resulted from voluntary contributions by Highwaymen throughout the State, is sufficient to plant a tree for every one of our servicemen.

The Blue Star Drive is a 6-mile section of Route 29 between North Plainfield and Mountainside. It will be planted with thousands of flowering dogwood trees as a living memorial to New Jersey's men and women in the Armed Forces.

The success of the New Jersey venture has led to inquiries from all sections of the United States and plans are now under way to eventually extend the memorial from coast to coast.

Administration Division

Arthur Egan

Charles A. Hurley received a letter from Chief Yeoman John Kowacki now stationed somewhere aboard ship in the South Pacific. About all the information he can give us is that the weather is great and that he still misses the gang back here. Nice to receive a letter, but it will be better to see him soon.

Chalk up a splendid victory for Elgin Mayer in the recent Hamilton Township School Board Election. Elgin was second high man in a field of ten candidates. A very nice tribute to Elgin from his friends in the Township, to which we add our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Viola Gallagher of Clyde Case's office on the death of her mother, Mrs. Bridget Ann Gallagher, of Allentown, N. J.

Birthday congratulations are in order for Paymaster Owen Rogers. Owen came to the Department some 25 years ago as a Cost Clerk. He had his early training in the field where prison labor was used and the help had to be plenty tough. For the past 18 years he has been assigned to the Metropolitan and Northern District. Owen attributes his longevity and good health to the fact that when he was born they were really making men. Amen, Brother, Amen!

Rizziero (Champ) Cintia and Charley Walker, both formerly of the Paymasters Office, visited recently. This was the first meeting since they entered the service over two years ago. Charley has been stationed in Alaska and Champ off the Coast of Maine. Clyde entertained the boys at luncheon.

Congratulations to Charley Engemann who was recently married to Miss Jean Morawski of Trenton. After a wedding trip to New York City, the newly-weds are making their home in Trenton. On his return to the Department, Charley was surprised with a novelty shower by members of the Administration staff. Charley was all thumbs as he carefully unwrapped the packages containing tea strainers, can openers, baby bottles, rubber panties, etc. Charley and Mrs. Engemann express their most sincere thanks to their friends in the Highway Department for their many kind wishes and for their most generous wedding gift.

Chatter: Thru the grapevine we learn that Seaman Otto Peterson is expected home very shortly. We are all anxious to see Otto again. . . Sgt. Neil Kennedy writes from two Lima that he is in the thick of the fight. Greetings, Neil, and we are looking forward to your return soon. . . Birthday greetings to Frank Kimble of the Cost Department. . . Mildred Friedman, Key punch Operator, was injured

Your M. C. presents— THE LADIES... Bless Them

Our "bride of the month," Betty Oros, whose marriage we announced as "forthcoming" in the last issue, was an especially lovely one. Her princess gown with sweetheart neckline was of white brocade satin, while those of her maid-of-honor and bridesmaid were aqua and coral. The bridal bouquet of orchids was beautifully complemented by the American Beauty roses carried by the attendants. The wedding, which took place on February 20th, was followed by a dinner in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Hildebrecht. After the reception, Betty and her husband, Corporal Joseph Durisin, left for the Hotel Belmont-Plaza in New York City.

After a month's absence Elsie Taylor has resumed her duties in Mr. Grover's office.

Do you know an apple when you see one? Simple as it may seem, it was questionable when Ruth Moran and Claire Laczoni displayed the results of their paintings in the Water Color class at the School of Industrial Arts. It should be interesting to see what they do when the class progresses to "landscapes!"

The wheels of fortune smiled upon two of our "gals" in the past month. Both Mary Cunningham and Betty Meskill were winners to the tune of \$25.00 and \$34.00 respectively.

New Jersey State Employees were recent hostesses at the U.S.O. Club on North Warren Street. The girls representing the Highway Department were: Eileen Logan, Mary Cunningham, Florence Millerick, Eleanor Elston, Stacie Kan-yuh, Marion O'Hara, Claire Laczoni, LaRaine Birch and Helen Tallon. Note: Flo Millerick, who did an exceptionally commendable job assisting, received no greater thanks for her patriotic efforts than a good case of the grippe. However, she's hale and hearty again, and, no doubt, ready to pitch in a help when the next call comes.

Bernadetta Johnson's miniature sabots from France were apparently "trial-size" samples only. Regular wooden sabots worn by the peasantry arrived just recently. An idea, girls, in the event that you run short of coupons!

To Viola Gallagher and family we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Bridget Gallagher, who passed away on March 1st, after a lengthy illness.

Kathryn Laughry was honored at a birthday dinner party given by Helen Tallon, Mary Massarotti, Betty Heister, LaRaine Birch and Marion Levie. Kathryn's birthday was made even more eventful by visiting New York and attending the musicale "The Song of Norway."

'Bye now.

Better Late Than Never

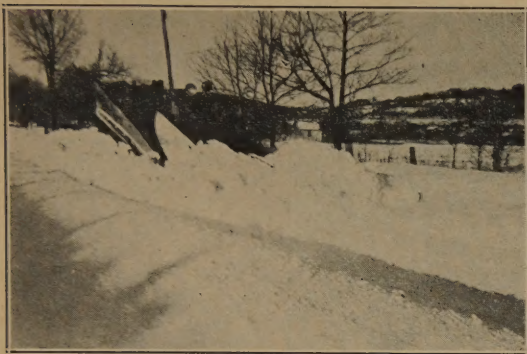
It would seem as though THE HIGHWAY had merely touched the high spots when it asked a number of members of the Maintenance and Equipment Divisions to take a bow for the fine job they had performed in digging Sussex County from under its blanket of snow.

Thanks to the interest of several of our readers it is possible to add to the list already presented the names of: Ray Tatum, Jack Wain, John Gleekman, Les Mizur and George Rhodes of Fernwood; Harry Whitcomb, Floyd Boss, Andy Foster and Edison Cole of Dover, and Steve Chipko, Joe Arkie and Alex Sisco of Maintenance.

Without exception these men worked long and hard to uphold the tradition of the Department. To coin a phrase, "They seen their duty and they done it."

In a fall at her home. We trust it is not serious and that she will be back on the job shortly. . . Mrs. Ruth Foose has resigned from Bill Wildblood's staff. . . Cliff Wear, Ken Rice and Bill Wildblood recently took in the Broadway musical "Oklahoma." They were chaperoned on the occasion by their wives.

WARREN HAD SNOW TOO



Just in case you think that all of last winter's snow fell in Sussex County take a look at this Walters snow fighter wading through drifts on Route S-24 near Hackettstown.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

Joe Hunt

Johnny Kilpatrick, who usually edits this column, has been absent from the office due to illness. His task has been taken over by the members of the office force, whose first desire is to wish Johnny a quick and complete recovery. Hurry back, Boy.

Joseph Riley, Chief Torpedoman, has been released from active duty by the Navy and has returned to his position on the Rt. 25 Passaic River Bridge. We are glad to welcome this Veteran of World Wars I and II back to the fold.

Lt. Joe Mahan of the office force and now a pilot of a B-24 flies from Italy that he and his crew (and oh yes, bombs) have visited some cities that are 'out of bounds' according to Hitler.

Chet Anderson reports that Chet, Jr., Sergeant with the 1st Battalion 5th Marine Division, has fully recovered from his wounds and is now visiting on Iwo Jima.

Alcaid Wright, Bill Rasmussen, Art Cadell, Herman Innocenti, Frank Harris, Chet Anderson and Geo. Goldy from the Electrical Division, reports a good time was had at the banquet of the Highway Bowling League. The boys are now in training—getting ready to attend the banquet of the El Div. Team, which will be held in the near future. P. S. to those who will attend: Don't bring your shoes or ball that night, as they will only add to the load you go home with.

James L. Hays, head of this division, showed the writer a copy of the citation received by his son, Major James L. Hays, Jr., when he was awarded the Silver Star. It was something to make—and did make—the old man proud.

March Birthday Greetings to: Elias Argust, Burrell Adams, Ross Bateman, Wm. Beckett, Wm. Brady, Wm. Cavanaugh, John Connell, Jos. Drozdowski, Gus Ely, John Grisso, Frank Harris, Dorothy Hudak, Robt. Kinsley, Chas. Kisselman, Ed. W. Korb, Sam Mitchell, Michael Scarpone, Chas. E. Stecker, Ralph Stouffer, Fred Tall, Louis Unverzagt, Geo. Zabriskie.

It is with regret that we report the death of J. Martin Durning on Tuesday, March 13. Mr. Durning was employed since July 1942 and was assigned to the Lovelandtown Canal Bridge, West Point Pleasant, N. J. He will be deeply missed by his fellow Bridge employees and the other members of this division.

The Electrical Division takes justifiable pride in the splendid response of its employees in donating so generously for the purchase of dogwood trees to be planted on the Blue Star Drive in honor of its men who are serving in the Armed Forces. I am taking this means of expressing to the men and women of this Division my sincerest appreciation for their contributions and the whole-hearted manner in which they cooperated to assure the success of this worthy undertaking.

JAMES L. HAYS
Electrical Engineer

QUATATION FOR THE MONTH

"I ask not for a larger Garden, but for finer seeds."
Dr. Russell H. Conwell.

LABORATORY LINES

Norm Schaller

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. and Harry Houck on the birth of a baby boy, Richard Scott, born on Feb. 16, 1945. This is No. 5 for Harry, two girls and three boys.

Alice Mayer is back at her desk in the stenographers' room looking and feeling very rested after spending her vacation in Florida.

Andy Decker is spending his vacation in Florida. Andy should indeed enjoy a complete rest inasmuch as war-time restrictions have done away with some amusements.

Spring can't be too far off now, as the talk is switching to fishing and golf, with Leon Cartledge buying a new can of varnish for his fishing poles to insure an early start.

Charles Dobbins left on the 10th for Florida. Charlie, who is a great golf enthusiast, could hardly wait to get swinging those clubs.

A paper salvage program has been in progress in the file room at the Lab, and to date at least two tons of paper have been collected which have gone into the war effort. Much needed filing space has also been made available through this program.

The Laboratory played host to a group of Project Division inspectors on March 8. The group was taken through the Lab and given an idea as to what happens to the samples which they submit.

Word has been received from R. A. Harris that both of his sons have been disabled in action in Germany. One son, James, is now home wearing a Combat Infantry Badge and a Unit Citation Ribbon. He was a machine gunner with the 87th Division, one of Patton's Infantry Divisions which helped stop the German break-through last December. Bob's other son, Robert, was a machine gunner also (on a half track). He was a member of Patton's famous 4th Armored Division and is now in a hospital in England. Everyone at the Lab joins in wishing Bob's boys a quick and complete recovery.

Another letter was received from Eddie Pollock from somewhere in the Pacific. He states "I thought I would tell you about Eddie, Jr. He is out here somewhere in the South Pacific aboard a merchant ship. He is in the Armed Guard and has been in the Navy since last March. I haven't run into him out here, but maybe I will some day. The reason I am writing this is that I saw an item in THE HIGHWAY about sons of other employees who are in service and I guess nobody knew about my boy." You are right, Ed, we didn't know, so we join now in wishing both you and your son the best of luck.

Fred H. Baumann, Chief of the Laboratory, reports that his son, Fred L., is now serving as a pilot of a P-47 with the Ninth Air Force. In the recent battle of the bulge, young Baumann's group destroyed or damaged 3,241 German motor vehicles and 251 tanks.

Maintenance Notes

GENE BECKNER

A welcome addition to the Department bowling league this season have been the keggers representing the sign and traffic line painting crews of the Maintenance Division. Despite the fact that many members of the team have never bowled prior to this season, they are fast learning that they have to hit the head pin to get a good score and are enjoying a fair season. Win, lose or draw, each member reporting at the alleys rolls two games. The team captain, Harry Butterfoss, feels that another year will see his team at or near the top of the league. Other members of this doughty crew are Abe Martin, "Shorty" Van Sant, Leon "Oneball" McVey, "Lefty" John Haney, Earl "Head Pin" Storer, John Przemieniecki, and Al Reed. The entire team enjoyed the midseason banquet held in Trenton, February 20th, and are looking forward to the big dinner to be held at the close of the season.

Miss Mildred Floel, daughter of Landscape Foreman Fred Floel, recently completed a course of advanced training with the Navy Waves and has been given the rating of Petty Officer, 1st Class. Miss Floel completed the training course with a remarkably high average and was the recipient of a special certificate. She is now located at the Naval Air Station, Pasco, Washington, an instructor in the Link Trainer.

A recent office visitor was Lt. Oliver A. Deakin, USNR. Ollie, our former Assistant Landscape Engineer, is now stationed at Portland, Me., in command of the Harbor Detection Station on Cape Elizabeth, which juts out into Casco Bay. According to Ollie, they have experienced a most severe winter down east, and when he relates that they were snowbound for two days and were rescued only by the dauntless work of a Walter snowplow, he strikes a responsive chord for us here at home. Our own Walter snow plows have proven equally valuable to us on many occasions.

Sidney Proctor has returned to work in the 7th birthday on March 4th, a belated happy birthday, Pete, and many more of them.

Peter Ayres, veteran member of Nick Pendergast's maintenance crew, celebrated his 7th birthday on March 4th, a belated happy birthday, Pete, and many more of them.

It was a pleasure to learn recently of the promotion of 1st Lt. Charles J. McGinnis, formerly of Phil Voss' inspection forces, to the rank of Captain, U. S. Army Engineer Corps. "Mac," who returned to this country late last year after almost two years' duty in the Alaskan theater, when last heard from was stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

Dorsey Schaible, who formerly worked in the sign maintenance crew under Foreman Frank LeWallen, spent a few hours with his family and friends recently before sailing for parts unknown. Dorsey was inducted into the service in December, 1943, and received his training in a number of camps in the Midwest and California. His new address: Pfc. Dorsey L. Schaible, 42080653, Bty B, 922nd F. A. Bn, APO 445, C/O P. M., New York City.

Norm Horner reports hearing this bit of repartee in a prisoner of war camp shortly before his discharge. A Nazi prisoner was heard to remark to one of his guards to the effect that if they (the Germans) had had equal military equipment and material, he wouldn't be where he was. To which the guard replied, "Yes, and if you had equal mental equipment you wouldn't be here either."

Wonder if Jimmy Walter's frequent visits to the Highway Bowling League at the Curtis Alleys on Friday nights recently harbinger Jim's entry into the bowling field. Remembering back when Jimmy was the chief sponsor of the Highway baseball and basketball teams, we are sure any team in which Jimmy might be interested would

Construction Comments

Fred C. Claus

Upper Montclair

Norman E. Hancock is leaving for the West Coast where he is accepting a position as Assistant Engineer with the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy. Norman is taking his entire family west with him and carries best wishes of the Montclair office.

Friday morning, Feb. 16th, was a hard day on North Jersey traffic. Ice covered the highways and Route 6 through Clifton was the scene of many skidding accidents. Things would have been worse had it not been for the service rendered by Maury Radice who spent considerable time directing the fouled-up traffic, thereby saving many an unfortunate motorist possible damage.

Woodlynne

Harry Marvin passed out the cigars on the occasion of the arrival of Donna Jeanne Wilkins, a brand new granddaughter. Congratulations there, grandpappy.

After 20 years with the Department, E. L. "Manny" Kapel has resigned to take "outside" employment. The office wishes Kap the best of luck in his new venture.

Glad to welcome Jack Eyre back to the drawing board after a lengthy illness.

The elevation of Earl Hagy and Ray Weatherly as assistants to Harry Marvin has let them in for a lot of kidding. They are taking it in stride because they know that they'll get 100% cooperation from all.

Sprenkle One Proud Father

Foreman Fred Sprenkle of Asbury Gardens is the proud father of a son born on March 9th at the Pitkin Memorial Hospital in Asbury Park. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Fred is no newcomer to the joys of parenthood, in fact he has even experienced the thrills of becoming a grandfather. This brings about an unusual situation wherein the grandchild is older than the new baby, who is also the uncle of . . . It's too confusing. Congratulations, Fred.

be a welcome addition. Jimmy has been seen talking confidentially to Russ Geller, Ken Craft, Tony Kuhn and others recently and if he can get Charlie Fearnley as his backer, maybe something will come of it.

Virgilio Angelini, veteran member of Foreman Jack Taylor's maintenance crew, is back working after a siege of arthritis during the latter part of February. Another veteran employee whose return is expected any day now is Peter Barden, who works for Foreman James Laing. Pete has been laid up since the first of the year with an attack of asthmatic bronchitis.

Foreman Bill Pinkerton, from down Belmar way, started on his second gallon of blood donating recently when he visited the Red Cross Headquarters and gave his 9th pint of blood. A most enviable record, Bill!

Jim Dowling's son, Harry, now a Signalman, 2c, U.S.N.R., is now assigned to an L.S.T. craft operating in the waters around Luzon in the Philippines. In a recent letter to his Dad, he related many interesting experiences encountered in the Islands.

The boys in the office had quite a time the other day when Ed. McCordell brought in a Japanese rifle which his son, Edward 4th, sent him from Guam. Norm Horner and Mike Ondy, the former a veteran of the current war and Mike a veteran of World War I, proceeded to take it apart and for a while it appeared as though the assistance of the Jap Ordnance would have to be called to get it back together. During the inspection, Ella Moore was taking no chances. With the gun being pointed first this way and then that, Ella solved the problem by quietly slipping out of the room until the inspection was completed. The boys still haven't solved the manner in which certain sights on the gun might be used despite the assistance of Supervisor John Kelly, also a veteran of World War I, who chanced to be in the office that particular day.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

A. J. LICHTENBERG

The address on "Post War Highway Construction in New Jersey" by Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., highlighted the activities at the Bridge Division annual dinner held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, February 20th which was attended by more than 400 leaders in the field . . . Seen in the audience among others, J. Delgado, S. M. Rankin, Al S. Herron, J. J. Krieg, M. D. Smith, Robt. Hutchinson, Wm. E. Higginson, A. Ehlers, H. R. Gabriel, P. McCullough and Frank S. Wilson.

BRIEFS: Sven Hedin's favorite story: A Swedish farmer had been to town and bought a bottle of booze. Stepping off the train he stumbled and fell. He noticed something wet running down his leg. Alarmed, he felt with his fingers and was heard to say "I hope it is blood." . . . Paul Gabrenas with the Army Service Forces in Cincinnati is helping to keep our armies supplied with landing boats and auxiliary vessels. Paul was sent to New York to assist in streamlining the production division of the same office. . . . Albert E. Lee returned to the hospital in Paterson March 5th and we are all pulling for a complete recovery and return to the fold. . . . Petersen's favorite: (on recent visit to the dentist) "Have you been a dentist very long, Doc?" Dentist: "Oh, no, I was a riveter until I got too nervous to work up high."

C. H. Spence is assisting M. L. Vail on boring contract covering more than 200 holes on Routes 4, S4B, 6 and 23. . . . Stae Kanyush now doing her bit at the Warren St. U.S.O. snack bar recently surmised "A man always chases a woman until she catches him." . . . Asbury Bergen moves from the Planning Board to the job of widening the approach span for Ingersoll-Rand Bridge over the D. L. & W. R. R. in Phillipsburg along with the construction of a highway overpass. . . . A banker is a man who will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it. . . . Bill Higginson is now with the U. S. Treasury Dept. as a sales officer in the office of surplus properties, handling such surplus items as concrete mixers, pavers, and sand spreaders. . . . Lieut. Commander W. F. Hunter, at Moffet Field, California is embarking on a \$1,500,000 construction program. . . . A Chinese proverb has been applied to the cigar smoking brothers: "Man at end of rope buy new cigar." To which has been added "What this country needs is a good scent cigar." . . . Orchids to those hard-working committee men at the annual dinner, R. E. Simon, W. H. Spencer, J. F. Evans, Jr., and J. H. Patrie. . . . George Hefferman's favorite story:

Mrs. Smith inquired at the gates of heaven for her husband. "What's your name?" asked the guard. "Mrs. Smith." "But we have thousands of Smiths here. What's your husband's first name?" "James Smith." "Oh, but madame, we have thousands of James Smiths here. Can you be more explicit?" Well, my husband told me just before he died that if I went out with another man he would turn over in his grave. "Of course, I know your husband," and turning to an assistant he ordered, "Run upstairs and get Whirling Jim."

LIEUT.-COMMANDER WILLIAM B. DALLAS COMMENDED

Commendation of Lieutenant Commander William B. Dallas, CEC, USNR, "for excellent service in the line of his profession" has been announced.

Lieutenant Commander Dallas, Officer-in-Charge of the Amphibious 302nd Naval Construction Battalion, was lauded by Vice Admiral R. K. Turner, USN, Commander of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Forces, for service in the capture of Saipan and Tinian June 15 and August 1.

Said the commendation: "By his tireless energy and devotion to duty, he caused the emplacement of pontoon causeways on the landing beaches and maintained them under adverse weather conditions, thus greatly aiding the landing of large volumes of supplies and equipment. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the naval service."